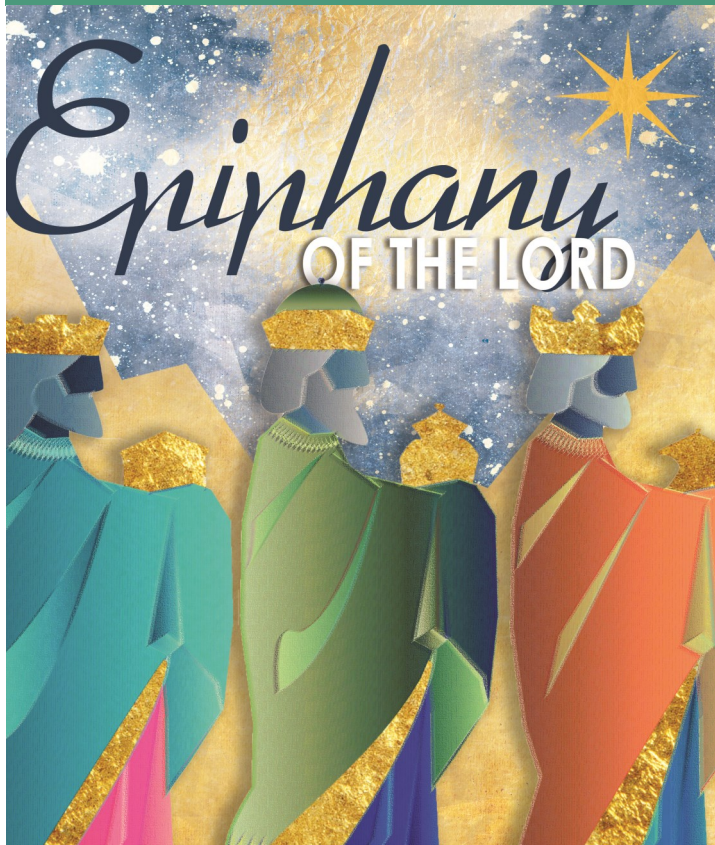


January 2, 2022
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MASS TIMES

Monday Jan 3	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
<i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Joe Knott
Tuesday Jan 4	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
<i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Stephen Hlebain
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Norman Zirbes
Wednesday Jan 5	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	For the People of the Parishes
<i>St. John Neumann</i>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Andrew & Anna Wagner
Thursday Jan 6	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Carol Cropper
<i>St. Andre Bessette</i>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Betty Zwilling Cichon
Friday Jan 7	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Marjorie Vouk
<i>St. Raymond of Penyafort</i>	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Tom Bearson
Saturday Jan 8	5:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Margaret Henning
<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Ray & Kathleen Hennen
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	For the People of the Parishes
Sunday Jan 9	8:15 am	Annunciation	† Sarah Schmitt
<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	For the People of the Parishes
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Linda Ley
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Deceased Members of Herb & Ida Majerus family

*Livestreamed Mass

PASTORAL SERVICES

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 pm Sacred Heart
4 pm St. Francis Xavier
7:50 pm St. Stephen
Sunday 7:40 am Annunciation

Anointing of the Sick

Home Bound Communion

Pastoral Visitation, Prayer Requests, Marriage and Baptism Preparation

If you have any of the above pastoral needs, please contact your Parish Office.

Bulletin announcements are due in the parish office by 8:00 am on Mondays. Thank you! Please contact your Parish Office for more information.

DAILY READINGS

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a /Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 /Lk 5:12-16
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44	Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 /Mk 6:45-52	Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40: 1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 /Lk 4:14-22a		

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari.....

Happy New Year!

Reviewing the past year, we made some strides of returning to pre-covid life, although as I write, COVID -19 infection is on the rise. All of us have had to make sacrifices to slow the spread of COVID. There are countless stories of people reaching out to lift the spirits of others.

On the dark side of COVID, families have become divided. Friendships have been severed. The wearing of a mask and or being vaccinated has become a political issue rather than one about health. In the gospels, there is the image of Jesus crying over Jerusalem on his way to the cross. I wonder if Jesus cries today, as he sees what is happening in the world? I pray that 2022 may be a healing and mending of relationships.

Today's feast of the Epiphany brings heightened attention to the universal or global dimension of the Incarnation. The story of the Magi coming from the East signals God's intent to include all peoples, not just the Jews, in the plan of salvation. St. Paul notes, "It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

Matthew's gospel and the writing of St. Paul, brings a critical change in the early church's understanding of itself, moving from a Jewish sect to a worldwide church, even though "worldwide" then basically meant the lands around the Mediterranean Sea. In other words, this annual celebration of Epiphany, is a reminder of God's intent to save all peoples and of our kinship as brothers and sisters in Christ.

The world seems much smaller today, as news comes to us quickly via the internet and social media. This past year once again saw people's lives being disrupted by natural disasters, war and terrorism, lack of food and clean water, and the pandemic. The problems of the world today are global problems and solving them requires a global perspective.

While most of us cannot solve the problems of the world, we can contribute to the building the kingdom in our home, workplace, and neighborhood. Epiphany means "manifestation." The challenge of the feast today is for us to examine whether we are manifesting Christ to the world.

Have a faith filled week! **Fr. Ron**

DIOCESAN TV MASS

Viewers in the St. Cloud Diocese can watch the Mass on KSTC-45 at 11am each Sunday via cable, satellite or antenna (check your cable provider for channel number). Charter Communication airs the Mass on Channel 17.



Christ is born! Our mission is to be **His** heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. The ministries supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal are at the heart of this mission. They provide assistance, education and pastoral care to people throughout our diocese. Please consider a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



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YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

Young Adult Christmas Get Together

Save the date for a Young Adult Christmas gathering **this Friday** January 7th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at Sacred Heart in the Parish Hall. Be sure to keep that Ugly Sweater out.*

*Due to time of printing all the details were not able to reach the bulletin. Please go to: sacredheartsaukrapids.org/youngadults to get up to date information. Thank you!

YOUNG ADULT SKI TRIP

Save the date for Monday January 17th (MLK Day) - we're planning a fun winter day out on the slopes at a location TBD. Pricing is TBD based on lift ticket and rental needs. Of course it is cheaper with your own equipment. If you are interested - get your name on the list by contact Jason Prigge (320.281.9486 OR jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org).

"STEWARDSHIP –THE WATER PARABLE"

Join our Catechists in viewing **"Stewardship - the Water Parable"**. Take 10 minutes to share your impressions. It is well worth your time. Be inspired and pass it on. Where? Annunciation Hall. When? January 5th. Time? 7:40 pm following Wednesday Faith Formation. Everyone welcome!

REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers the family of Francis "Frank" Justin who passed away December 16th from St. Francis Xavier.

Eternal Rest grant unto him.



MENS GROUP INVITE

Present members are encouraging other adult males to experience a monthly men's spirituality group that gathers the first Thursday of the month from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Inspiration is primarily drawn from daily meditations by Fr. Richard Rohr (CAC.org). An opportunity is provided to share their relationship with God as well.

Confidentiality and accepting everyone where they are is important. This can be a perfect New Years resolution! For more information leave a message for Al Lawrence at 493-8607.

SPIRIT OF IRELAND TOUR

Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland
April 19-30, 2022

Join Fr. Steve Binsfeld, now retired and living in Speltz House, in exploring the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Highlights include Blarney Castle, Ring of Kerry, Knock, Belfast, the Shrine of St. Patrick, ending in Dublin with Trinity College and "Book of Kells." For more information, call **Magi Travel** at 952-949-0065, visit www.magitravelinc.com or email Fr. Steve Binsfeld - frsteve@stmaryalexandria.org

WELCOMING OUR NEIGHBOR

How can you welcome and support refugee and immigrant neighbors? Join us on Thursday, January 13th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall at Sacred Heart. Information will be shared by Samantha Grimsley from Arrive Ministries on how we can welcome, serve and walk alongside refugees and immigrant neighbors as they arrive in the St. Cloud area. Contact Dcn Joe with any questions. All parishes welcome.

JR. HIGH MISSION TRIP

Spots are filling fast for our Jr. High Mission Trip to Duluth! Dates are June 5 - 10, 2022, cost is \$325. Applications and details can be found at: oneinchristacc.org/youthministry or by contacting your youth minister. Applications and a \$50 **non-refundable** deposit are due Wed. December 15th!

THANK YOU

Thank You. The Knights of Columbus Council #5548 want to thank all of you who donated to the Coats for kids drive this year. They collected **900 coats.**

If anyone would still like to donate, they can drop their coats off at St. Peter's Welcoming Center in St. Cloud. If anyone is in need of a coat please call lone at 320-492-7993.

NEED A SMILE

Do you know of someone who would enjoy a "check in" phone call, a visit or Eucharist?



Winter can be very long for those who cannot get out much. We are here to make those who need a "pick me up" SMILE. ☺

Please contact
Santee Kremers @ SFX
320-252-1363 x 1103

END OF LIFE PLANNING

A Catholic Perspective

Attend a compassionate and timely Adult Education workshop about End of Life Planning from a Catholic Perspective. Typical questions about end of life issues: Must medical treatment always be continued? Are Catholics allowed to have Living Wills? What is Church teaching about "Death with Dignity"? How do I make my Catholic health care directive? Father Tom Knoblach will address these questions and will provide steps for putting together a valid Catholic Health Care Directive during this workshop on Jan. 24th at Sacred Heart Parish at 10 am and 6 pm. Gregory Gall, Regional Manager of Catholic United Financial, will also be on hand to speak about the financial aspects of end of life decisions, including final expenses, estate plans, charitable giving, power of attorney and more. Contact local Representative Gary Gall for more details: ggall@catholicunited.org or call 320-251-8115.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A TEC RETREAT



TEC IS BACK!

After a 22 month pandemic-related break, Central Minnesota Together Encountering Christ (TEC) is open again for youth/adult three-day TEC retreats.

Join the excitement of our return and register for a TEC retreat today. We anticipate high demand for our first several retreats so do not delay in your sign-up. If you find yourself...

wanting to find God again after taking some time away.

looking to strengthen your faith, as life has thrown some challenges your way.

longing to be with people again and to form some new friendships based on trust and a common commitment to our faith.

Or simply needing time away from home or work/school to focus on yourself.

A TEC retreat may be just the thing you need. Get ready for perhaps the best three days of your life. Check out the video and testimonies, get additional information, and register for a TEC retreat by visiting www.cmtec.org. Be one of the first to register for our winter 2022 TEC retreats.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Augustine's Men's Breakfast: Please join us at St Augustine's for the men's breakfast on **January 2nd from 7:30-noon at St Augustine's church in St Cloud.** Part of their proceeds go toward purchasing things for Saint Katharine Drexel School.

BEST BREAKFAST AROUND!

Church of Saint Joseph Heritage Hall
12 W Minnesota St; St. Joseph, MN
KC Council #7057 Parish Breakfast
Sunday, January 2 from 8:30 am-NOON
Take the family out for a great homemade breakfast that includes Pep's pork sausage, St. Joseph Meat Market sausage, pancakes, hash browns, fruit, scrambled eggs, caramel rolls and cinnamon rolls, includes beverages. \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for ages 6-12. We are now accepting credit cards.



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Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

Office Hours: M-F 2:00 - 6:00 pm

ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066

ststephenfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offerings - Dec. 18 & 19

Adult.....	\$ 3,280.00
Online Giving Dec. 4 - Dec 17.....	1,150.00
Christmas.....	620.00
Online Christmas Giving.....	10.00
Plate.....	188.00
Children.....	2.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,250.00

Weekly Adult & Online needed for budget: 2,500.00

The contributions to the Parish Christmas Card (\$1,562.00) will be divided & sent the following organizations:

Pathways 4 Youth - a youth resource center in St. Cloud that helps young people, ages 16-24, experiencing homelessness.

Homeless Helping Homeless - an association of homeless & formerly homeless folks & their friends in the St. Cloud area.

Adoration: Join us on Thursday, **January 6**, for Adoration after 8:00 AM Mass. Spend some quiet, prayerful time with Jesus. The church will be open until 4:00 PM.



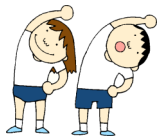
Ministry Schedule for January 15-February 27: If there are dates you know you will be unavailable please call or email the office by **January 10**.

Any kids who are in 4th grade are higher and are interested in being an altar server, please contact the parish office. We would like to add more kids to the server list.



HELP WANTED - someone to help with doing blood pressure checks one weekend a month after Mass. Blood pressure checks are done the last weekend of the month. If you can help us out either Saturday evening or Sunday morning please call the parish office.

Prayer Line: If you or someone you know needs our prayers, please call the office to have your prayer request added to the Prayer Line.



Starting January 5 - Well n Fit exercise classes with Lorene Deford. Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in the Parish Hall.

Upcoming Events:

Jan 11-Vibrancy meeting 6:15 pm

Jan 18-Finance meeting 7:00, Parish Council at 7:30 pm

Feb 8 - Vibrancy meeting 6:15 pm

Helping Hands Outreach

Senior Dining - Every Wednesday at Rusty Nail at noon followed by cards. Cost is \$6.00 per meal.

Monthly Lunch & Learn will be the 3rd Thursday of the month starting with social at 11:30 followed by meal, speaker & entertainment. In the Parish Hall.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Contact: Cindy Gans 320-252-1729

annunciation@cloudnet.com

Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941

thekids@cloudnet.com

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for Sunday, December 12th, 2021

Adult Sunday	\$1,657.31
Visitor	\$268.00
Youth	\$5.75
Religious Retirement	\$170.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
Christmas	\$500.00
Immaculate Conception	\$166.26
Christmas Flowers	\$80.00
Rel. Ed. Bake Sale	\$987.10
Votive Candle	\$1.15
Total Income	\$3,855.57

Sunday, December 19th, 2021

Adult Sunday	\$2,564.50
Visitor	\$75.06
Youth	\$27.25
Thanksgiving	\$20.00
Initial Offering	\$3.00
Christmas	\$575.00
Immaculate Conception	\$200.00
Christmas Flowers	\$53.00
Total Income	\$3,517.81

Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget 3,037.00*

Mass Schedule

Sun January 9th, 2022, 8:15am Mass

Lector: Jenessa Strande

Eucharist: Lora Knafla

Servers: Noah & Cole Lentner

Ushers: Randy & Julie Miller, Dan Bemboom, Dan Brenny



Happy Birthday: Landon Bemboom, Joshua Hiemenz, Anthony Wocken, Scott Brown, Gregory Marshall, Richard Brand, Donna Burczyk, Corina Schlichting, Tonya Simmons, Wyatt Montag.

Religious Education:

Wed. Jan. 5-19, Religious Ed Classes at 6:30pm

Confessions at Annunciation:

Sundays from 7:45am-8:05am

Worldwide Marriage Encounter "Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." The next Weekends are Feb 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, MN and Feb 18-20, 2022 in WINDOM, MN. For more info, call Brent & Tracy Chessen at 612-756-8720 or visit them at north-mnwwme.org.

Blood Drive First Presbyterian Church, 306 Norway Dr. Foley on Monday, January 3rd 12:30-6:30pm. Call 1-800-733-2767 for apt. Receive a package for a pint provided by Grand Champion Meats.

SACRED HEART PARISH

Contact: Jill Lieser — 320-251-8115, X114
parish@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

Office Hours: Monday – Closed
Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-4pm

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for week ending December 19, 2021

Adult Collection.....	\$26,592.81
Children's Collection.....	\$18.50
Friends in Need.....	\$100.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$95.00
Christmas.....	\$550.00

Weekly adult collection needed to meet yearly budget \$18,500

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

We wish to send a huge thank you to all who helped make our Christmas Masses so wonderful this year! Musicians, choirs, liturgical ministers, art and environment helpers. . . our liturgies wouldn't be what they are without the generous gift of your time and talent. Thank you, and may you have a blessed Christmas-season!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 3; 5:00pm—Men's Group
6:30pm—Baptism Prep SH
- January 4; 6:30am—Caroling at Poor Clares
- January 5; 9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study
1pm—Prayer Blanket Ministry
5pm—Faith Formation
5:30pm—Kid's Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm—WNL
- January 6; 6pm—Youth Ministry Team Meeting
6:30pm—Faith Formation Committee Meeting
- January 7; 8:30am—Eucharistic Adoration
11am—Rosary & Benediction
6:30pm—YA Ugly Sweater Christmas Party
- January 8; 9am—First Reconciliation retreat
3:30pm—Reconciliation
6:15pm—FF/Youth Ministry Event
- January 9; 10am—Christmas Take Down
10:30am—Confirmation Learning Centers

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the following prayer list, please call 320-251-8115: Jerome Mehrwerth.

Sacred Heart also has a prayer chain. Please call 320-492-9361, 320-252-3401 or the Parish Office at 320-251-8115 if you have a prayer request.

WNL

Welcome back! We look forward to having you at Youth Group this Wednesday beginning from 7:15 - 9:00 PM! All young people in grades 6 - 12 welcome!

Waldo Update

Waldo update to come next week - January 9th.

MSHS TOGETHER

It's been a wild two years with no sense of an end. Join us for a day in which we come TOGETHER in unity at Cathedral High School on Sunday January 30th from 9:00 - 4:00 PM. This event is for all young people in grades 6 - 12. The day will include a keynote, activities, speakers, and Mass. Registration can be found online: www.sacredheartsaukrapids.org/eventforms and on the Youth Bulletin Board. Cost is \$20. If you plan to attend, all payments and paperwork must be received by: Wednesday, January 19th.

CAROLING AT THE POOR CLARES

Members of the choirs will be caroling at the Poor Clare Monastery Tuesday, January 4th at 6:30 pm.

REMOVAL OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Sunday, January 9th

*****Immediately after the 9am Mass*****



Help is needed with:

- Removing tree decorations
- Removing trees, garland, fabric & poinsettias
- Taking down the nativity scene
- Vacuuming (bring a hand held vacuum if you have one)



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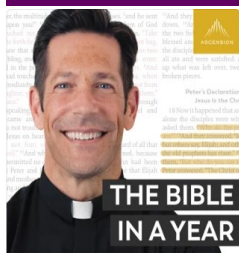
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FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget \$19,230.77

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HEALTH & WELLNESS TEAM



Bible in a Year

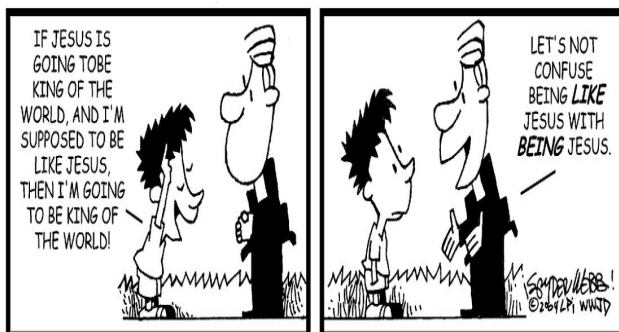
In *The Bible in a Year* podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way.

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Even if you did it last year! Do it again!
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We are looking at possibly starting Small Groups that would be based off of this podcast. If interested,

EPIPHANY



Year End and Electronic Giving

Please remember St. Francis Xavier Parish as you consider charitable donations at the end of the year. For parishioners who have reached the age that Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from your IRA are being done, please consider gifting St. Francis Xavier. There may be tax benefits for such a donation. Please see your accountant or financial advisor for verify and for more information about how to make such a contribution. Thank you to all who continue to support St. Francis Xavier Parish and the many ministries that take place here.

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